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(Part I) To SEDOM[1].

During December 1944 in ports of the west coast of the USA 45 old ships were accepted from the Americans. The majority of the accepted ships were returned [1 group unrecovered] together with the supplies of materials and they had large stocks of rations. Upon delivery of the ships to the Soviet representatives the American crews inventoried the quantity of rations either by approximation or they didn't enter it at all in the registration. The objection of the chief of the financial

(15 groups unrecovered)

was forced the turnover of the ships "KIEV'KA MIRKIN," "KAMADAS," "POL-SAVA," "URALIKHAN" and "MELNIKOV." With the delivery of these ships it was explained that all the ration supplies

(15 groups unrecovered).

At the interrogation of the captains of these ships IVANOV, SOLOW'EV, AMERIKANSKII and MIRKINOV, it was made clear that the ration supplies were not left

(7 groups unrecovered)

People's Commissariat of the Navy [NARODNAYA] and the Shipping Company they were forbidden to remove supplies from the ships. When the indicated captains proposed in VLADIVOSTOK to remove the rations in connection with the delivery of the ships the Shipping Company prohibited this on the basis of the order of the People's Commissariat of the Navy.

(Part II)

It is known that the order of the People's Commissariat of the Navy was issued in connection with the systematic removal from the ships of materials and stores of food in VLADIVOSTOK which displeased the Americans who several times a year supplied through Lend-Lease one and the same ship with ropes, blocks and spare machine parts which

(23 groups unrecovered)

(0) "VITALIY" [ii]

(96 groups unrecovered)

No. 323

SOMER[iii]

Comments:

- [i] SEDOM: Unidentified cover-name.
- [ii] VITALIY: Pavel K. NEVZOROV.
- [iii] SOMER: Viktor APANAS'EV.

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